
By: **Delegate Snodgrass**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Fines Doubled for Speeding - Designated Zones**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipal roads department to designate
4 certain sections of highway as "fines doubled for speeding" zones; requiring
5 permission for the designation of sections of certain highways; requiring that
6 certain signs be posted if certain penalties are to be in effect; prohibiting a
7 person from driving a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the posted limit on any
8 section of highway designated "fines doubled for speeding"; providing a penalty
9 for speeding violations on certain designated sections of a highway; defining a
10 certain term; and generally relating to "fines doubled for speeding" designations
11 on certain highways.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 21-101(a) and (d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 21-803.3 and 27-101(r)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 21-101.

26 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the
27 meanings indicated.

1 (d) "Controlled access highway" means a highway or roadway to or from which
2 persons, including the owners or occupants of abutting lands, have no right of access
3 except at the points and in the manner determined by the public authority with
4 jurisdiction over the highway or roadway.

5 21-803.3.

6 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HIGHWAY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A CONTROLLED ACCESS
7 HIGHWAY.

8 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BASED ON
9 ENGINEERING STUDIES OF TRAFFIC VOLUME AND VEHICULAR SPEED, THE ROADS
10 DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY DESIGNATE A
11 SECTION OF HIGHWAY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION AS A "FINES DOUBLED FOR
12 SPEEDING" ZONE.

13 (2) (I) A COUNTY MAY NOT DESIGNATE A SECTION OF HIGHWAY
14 UNDER THIS SECTION THAT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF:

15 1. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNLESS IT
16 OBTAINS THE PERMISSION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; OR

17 2. A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNLESS IT OBTAINS THE
18 PERMISSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR THE
19 GOVERNING BODY'S DESIGNEE.

20 (II) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT DESIGNATE A SECTION
21 OF HIGHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION THAT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF:

22 1. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNLESS IT
23 OBTAINS THE PERMISSION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; OR

24 2. A COUNTY UNLESS IT OBTAINS THE PERMISSION OF THE
25 GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR THE GOVERNING BODY'S DESIGNEE.

26 (C) THE INCREASED PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION FOR EXCEEDING A
27 POSTED SPEED LIMIT ARE ONLY IN EFFECT IF SIGNS ARE POSTED ON THE SECTION
28 OF HIGHWAY INDICATING "FINES DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING".

29 (D) A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE AT A SPEED EXCEEDING
30 THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON ANY SECTION OF HIGHWAY DESIGNATED "FINES
31 DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING".

32 27-101.

33 (R) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-803.3(D) OF THIS
34 ARTICLE ("FINES DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING") IS SUBJECT TO A FINE DOUBLE THE
35 AMOUNT OF THE FINE FOR THE VIOLATION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.